

General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 814

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AN ACT CONCERNING PERSONAL CARE ASSISTANCE SERVICES UNDER THE CONNECTICUT HOME CARE PROGRAM FOR THE ELDERLY.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- Section 1. Subsection (c) of section 17b-342 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July* 1, 2009):
- 4 (c) The community-based services covered under the program shall 5 include, but not be limited to, the following services to the extent that 6 they are not available under the state Medicaid plan, occupational 7 therapy, homemaker services, companion services, meals on wheels, 8 adult day care, transportation, mental health counseling, care 9 management, elderly foster care, minor home modifications and 10 assisted living services provided in state-funded congregate housing 11 and in other assisted living pilot or demonstration projects established 12 under state law. Personal care assistance services shall be covered 13 under the program to the extent that such services are (1) not available 14 under the Medicaid state plan, and (2) more cost effective than existing 15 services covered under such plan. Recipients of state-funded services 16 and persons who are determined to be functionally eligible for 17 community-based services who have an application for medical 18 assistance pending shall have the cost of home health and community-19 based services covered by the program, provided they comply with all

- 20 medical assistance application requirements. Access agencies shall not
- 21 use department funds to purchase community-based services or home
- 22 health services from themselves or any related parties.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1 July 1, 2009 17b-342(c)

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